

# *St. Marguerite d'Youville Parish*

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*Let us give thanks to the Lord*

We thank thee, Lord,

For fields of grain

Gold and ripe from summer's rain,

For hillsides bright

With scarlet trees

That rustle in the autumn breeze,

For friends so dear,

For those we love,

For all things sent

From heaven above...

We thank thee, Lord

## 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



<b>MON, OCT 9</b> 9:15 am	Deceased members of Sunny Tharayil † In thanksgiving for the birthday of Rita Naysun
7:00 pm	
<b>TUES, OCT 10</b> 7:00 pm	Amaro DaGraca †; Larry Simoes †
<b>WED, OCT 11</b> 9:15 am	Amaro DaGraca †; In thanksgiving for the birthday of Theresa Fernandes
7:00 pm	
<b>THUR, OCT 12</b> 7:00 pm	Nada Naysun †; Paciencia, Juan & Ludano Biding †
<b>FRI, OCT 13</b> 9:15 am	
7:00 pm	
<b>SAT, OCT 14</b> 9:15 am	
5:00 PM	Jose Cabral †; Giusto Emanuele †; Pete Magboo †
<b>SUN, OCT 15</b> 9:00 am	Victoriano & Angelica Lucero †; Manuel Joseph Paul †
10:30 am	For the People of the Parish
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Wanda Daigle †; Donald Martins †
8:00 pm	

### **NEXT EDGE NIGHT !!!**



Are you looking to deepen your faith  
and understanding of God?

Then join us for our next Edge night:

**Friday, October 20th**

In the parish hall from 7:00pm - 8:30pm.

Anyone wishing to register their child from grades 6 - 8 please pickup a registration from in the church or visit our website. The fee is \$50 and includes a t-shirt and all associated cost with the Edge nights.

For more information email Margaret at  
[dyouvilleyouth@gmail.com](mailto:dyouvilleyouth@gmail.com)

*Lord, you spoke to St. Hubert and converted him to You during a stag hunt. You changed him into a hunter of souls, yet you continued to use his skills as a hunter to open minds to your Gospel. I ask that you make me into a hunter of souls above all other hunting activities. May I look for the opportunities to speak of You and Your salvation. Let the hunting camp itself be a place that uplifts the soul. May my time alone be an opportunity to pray and listen to You. May all the actions of the rest of my life be a constant hunt for You, for the opportunities you give me to evangelize, and to target the souls most in need of Your love.*

*- Prayer invoking the intercession of St. Hubert (656-728), patron saint of hunters*

As the opening of hunting season across North America usually coincides with the beginning of October, the connection to the life of this French born/Belgian saint offers some interesting perspective on this Canadian Thanksgiving weekend. Born of noble class, the young Hubert enjoyed the pomp and revelry of courtly life in the regions of Toulouse, Tours, Orleans, eventually being summoned to southern Belgium, in the city of Liege, close to the border of Luxembourg. He had such a passion for hunting game that he even boldly and defiantly skipped out on a Good Friday commemoration service to pursue his obsession. On that memorable occasion, while closing in on a big stag, the buck calmly looked back at him, and with a cross glowing between his prominent antlers, communicated directly to Hubert's conscience with the following, "Hubert, unless thou turnest to the Lord, and leadest a holy life, thou shalt quickly go down into hell." Hubert's conversion was immediate. He went for instruction at a local monastery and was ordained; he now was emboldened with a mission to hunt for souls among the surrounding pagan peoples and capture them for Christ. Anyone who has seen a bottle of "Jägermeister" will appreciate how the label preserves the story of this fascinating legend. St. Hubert and his story reminds us of prioritizing our relationship to God before all other endeavors.

### **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

In today's Gospel Jesus returns to the Old Testament symbol of the vineyard to teach about Israel, the Church, and the kingdom of God.



And the symbolism of today's First Reading and Psalm is readily understood.

God is the owner and the house of Israel is the vineyard. A cherished vine, Israel was plucked from Egypt and transplanted in a fertile land specially spaded and prepared by God, hedged about by the city walls of Jerusalem, watched over by the towering Temple. But the vineyard produced no good grapes for the wine, a symbol for the holy lives God wanted for His people. So God allowed His vineyard to be overrun by foreign invaders, as Isaiah foresees in the First Reading.

Jesus picks up the story where Isaiah leaves off, even using Isaiah's words to describe the vineyard's wine press, hedge, and watchtower. Israel's religious leaders, the tenants in His parable, have learned nothing from Isaiah or Israel's past. Instead of producing good fruits, they've killed the owner's servants, the prophets sent to gather the harvest of faithful souls.

We need to take care that we don't let ourselves be overgrown with the thorns and briars of worldly anxiety. As today's Epistle advises, we need to fill our hearts and minds with noble intentions and virtuous deeds, rejoicing always that the Lord is near.

*Fr. Roger*

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 2023

### SACRAMENTS 2023-2024

**Confirmation** - Information & registration nights took place on September 27th & 29th. Registration forms will be accepted up until Friday, October 13th. We will not accept any more registrations after that date.

**First Communion** - Information & registration nights took place on October 2nd & 4th. Registration forms will be accepted up until Friday, October 27th. We will not accept any more registrations after that date.



### ATTENTION LECTORS



There will be a meeting for new and existing Lectors on Wednesday, October 11th at 7:30pm immediately following evening Mass in the main church. We will go through the Lector process and give new members an opportunity to practice before they preach.

### PARISH HEAD COUNT SUNDAY

The weekends of October 14/15 and October 21/22 the Archdiocese is requesting our cooperation to conduct an attendance count at all weekend Masses. The purpose of the count is to help provide an accurate profile of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The count is to be conducted during the homily with the hope of providing minimal distraction. Thank you.

### THAT MAN IS YOU



Saturday, October 14th at 7:15 a.m. St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish will host our 6th session of "That Man is You" for the men of the parish with the theme, "**Mary, Mother of All Peoples**". We will listen again to Professor Dr. Mark Miravalle, a renowned theologian from Franciscan University. **Come and See!** We will reflect on Jesus' gift of His Mother to us, "Behold your Mother"! As men how do we behold Mary as our Mother in our own life and in our home? **Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us!**

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

St. Marguerite d'Youville Parish has been asked to pray at the Vigil site on Sunday, October 29th; park at St. Catherine of Sienna Church where signs affirming the Sanctity of life will be available. You are asked to walk or stand with the sign on the north side of Queensway at Confederation Pkwy, for one hour. Please come to pray and witness for the unborn who have no voice.



### LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary, a world-wide apostolic organization of Catholics, meets every Tuesday: Adults: 6pm. Our Lady of Fatima statue will visit your home. For more information, please leave message for Lina Go or Annette Fernando at the parish office.

### SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS

Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest, deacon or religious? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

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### **Volunteers Needed!**



If you are interested in volunteering at the parish, please email Linda at [LYeh@archtoronto.org](mailto:LYeh@archtoronto.org) with the following information:

1. Your first and last name, phone number and email address.
2. Are you an Adult (18+) or Minor (under 18)
3. Which ministry you are interested in.

### ST. MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE NOVENA

In anticipation for our feast day on October 16th; we will begin a Rosary and Novena in honour of St. Marguerite d'Youville on Saturday, October 7th. The Novena will continue daily at 6pm followed by a Mass at 7pm during the week leading to the Feast.



### MARRIAGE PREP COURSE

The Fall Session dates for the Marriage Preparation Course have now been set. The Course will be held for four consecutive Saturday's October 14th, 21st, 28 & November 4th from 12:00pm - 5pm. \$250.00 per couple. To sign up, please contact the parish office.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a charitable Catholic organization, active throughout Canada. The work of the society is to assist those in need who live within our parish boundary. If you are in need of assistance please contact the St. Marguerite d'Youville Conference directly at 647-642-4906 or email: [vincetdepaulsmdy@gmail.com](mailto:vincetdepaulsmdy@gmail.com)

### SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

"Where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them." (Matthew 18:20) If you would like to apply what you have learned from Scripture, teachings, and practical personal reflection questions, join the SGM. For more details, email Olivia Saqui at [screeningcommittee.smdy@gmail.com](mailto:screeningcommittee.smdy@gmail.com)

### CONFESSION

The schedule of Confessions is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 - 6:45pm, Saturdays from 4:00pm - 4:45pm and by appointment only. **Please be respectful of these times as Father needs time to prepare for Mass. Thank you!**

### THE 55+ CLUB

The 55+ group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm - 4:00pm. We resume our regular meetings on Tuesday September 12th in the Parish Hall. For more information contact Sandy at 905-791-7315 or email: [sandyrobin22@gmail.com](mailto:sandyrobin22@gmail.com)

### STITCHES FROM THE HEART

Meet every Monday at 10.00am. Everyone is welcome to join us whether you knit or would like to learn. For further information contact Mary at 905-915-8765. Any donation of yarn would be greatly appreciated.

### **PLEASE DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!!!**

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